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In re the Application of: Group Art Unit: 1632 Inventor: Alison, Malcolm R. et al. Examiner: Dan Sullivan Serial No.: 09/769,204 Filed: January 24, 2001 For: COMBINATIONS AND METHODS FOR PROMOTING IN VIVO LIVER CELL PROLIFERATION AND ENHANCING IN VIVO LIVER DIRECTED GENE **TRANSDUCTION**

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

	Α.	Submi	ission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114
	a.		Previously submitted Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.)
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	a.		Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.F §1.103(c) for a period of months.				
В.	b.		Other				
	a.		The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-0665.				
	b.		A check in the amount of \$750 is enclosed to cover the following fees. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) \$750/\$375 Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §1.136 and §1.17) Other				
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

BOX RCE Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In connection with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114, filed herewith, please enter the following amendments and consider the following arguments in response to the final office action, mailed February 11, 2003. The RCE and accompanying amendment are filed within three months of the mailing date of the action, thus making this response timely.

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